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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3764
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REHM, Jason E. et al.) Examiner: R. Krishnamurthy
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Serial No.: 10/666,466)
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Filed: September 16, 2003)
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For: Composite Polymer Microfluidic)
Control Device)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the office action of May 20, 2005, applicant elects, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I as defined by the examiner, namely claims 1-20.

Applicant submits herewith new claim 34, which is a method claim very similar to claim 21, but dependent off of claim 1. Since claim 34 depends from claim 1, it should also be examined. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of Group II are not independent and distinct.

The claims, including the addition of new claim 34, are presented at the beginning of the following page.